

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA**

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TELEPHONE FACILITY TO VILLAGE PANCHAYATS IN ASSAM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the telephone facilities has been provided to all Gram Panchayats in Assam Circle ;
- (b) if so, the number of Panchayats covered so far and those yet to be covered, district-wise;
- (c) the time by which the telephone facility to all Gram Panchayats will be provided; and
- (d) the budgetary allocations made for the purpose in 2001- 2002 and 2002-2003?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SRI JYOTAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) In Assam out of 2486 Gram Panchayats 2095 have been provided with telecom facilities as on 31-03-2002. District- wise details are given in the enclosed Annexure.

(c) Telecom facilities are planned to be provided in all the remaining Gram Panchayats by December 2002 subject to availability of material and SACFA/Security clearance.

(d) An amount of Rs. 123.86 crore was allocated for the year 2002-2002. Circle-wise budgetary allocation for the year 2002- 2003 is being finalized.

ANNEXURE

District-wise number of Gram Panchayats with and without telephone facilities.

Sl. No.	District covered	No. of Gram Panchayats to be covered	No. of Gram Panchayats yet
1.	KAMRUP	177	0
2.	DIBRUGARH	84	9
3.	TINSUKIA	81	7
4.	CACHAR	161	2
5.	KARIMGANJ	92	4
6.	HAILAKANDI	60	2
7.	N.C. HILLS	0	0
8.	JORHAT	90	21
9.	SIBSAGAR	105	13
10.	GOLAGHAT	100	2
11.	BONGAIGAON	66	25

12. GOALPARA	60	21
13. DHUBRI	147	25
14. KOKRAJHAR	62	26
15. BARPETA	113	37
16. NALBARI	87	23
17. DARRANG	106	50
18. SONITPUR	151	8
19. LAKHIMPUR	55	26
20. DHEMAJI	20	45
21. NAGAON	210	24
22. MORIGAON	68	21
23. KARBI ANGLONG	0	0

TOTAL	2095	391
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